



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

Texas Health Fort Worth

Respondent Name

Tarrant County College District

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-1551-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 17

MFDR Date Received

January 26, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "HRA has been hired by Texas Health Fort Worth to audit their Workers Compensation claims. We have found in this audit they have not paid what we determine is the correct allowable per the APC allowable per the new fee schedule that started 3/01/2008..."

Amount in Dispute: \$41.37

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "...As all of the dates of service on this MDR occurred after April 1, 2013, our position is that the reductions were applied correctly and no further reimbursement is due."

Response Submitted by: Claims Administrative Services, 501 Shelley Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Date(s) of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 3, 2014	Outpatient Physical Therapy	\$41.37	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403 sets out the fee guidelines for outpatient acute care hospital services.
3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203 sets out the reimbursement guidelines for professional medical services.
4. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - P12 – Workers' compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment
 - 650 – Allowance is reduce per the multiple procedure payment reduction for selected therapy services

Issues

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement for the disputed services?
2. What is the recommended payment amount for the services in dispute?
3. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

Findings

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403 states in pertinent part (f) The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register. The following minimal modifications shall be applied. (1) The sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by: (A) 200 percent; unless (B) a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement in accordance with subsection (g) of this section, in which case the facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 130 percent. (2) When calculating outlier payment amounts, the facility's total billed charges shall be reduced by the facility's billed charges for any item reimbursed separately under subsection (g) of this section.
2. Under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), each billed service is assigned an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) based on the procedure code used, the supporting documentation and the other services that appear on the bill. A payment rate is established for each APC. Depending on the services provided, hospitals may be paid for more than one APC per encounter. Payment for ancillary and supportive items and services, including services that are billed without procedure codes, is packaged into payment for the primary service. A full list of APCs is published quarterly in the OPPS final rules which are publicly available through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website. Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated as follows:
 - Procedure code 97110 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). Per Medicare policy, when more than one unit of designated therapy services is performed on the same day, full payment is made for the first unit of the procedure with the highest practice expense. Payment for each subsequent unit is reduced by 50% of the practice expense. This procedure has the highest practice expense for this date. The rate listed for this code in the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction Rate File for 2014 is \$32.00. Each additional unit is paid at \$24.22. The Medicare payment rate for 3 units is \$80.44. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 35.8228 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 55.75 yields a MAR of \$125.19
 - Procedure code 97140 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). Per Medicare policy, when more than one unit of designated therapy services is performed on the same day, full payment is made for the first unit of the procedure with the highest practice expense. Payment for each subsequent unit is reduced by 25% of the practice expense. This procedure does not have the highest practice expense for this date. The reduced rate listed for this code in the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction Rate File for 2014 is \$29.86. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 35.8228 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 55.75 yields a MAR of \$35.47
3. The total allowable reimbursement for the services in dispute is \$160.66. This amount less the amount previously paid by the insurance carrier of \$160.66 leaves an amount due to the requestor of \$0.00. No additional reimbursement can be recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

March , 2015
Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.